

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claim 15, the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Please amend the following claim.

15. (Amended) A composite material article comprising:

- (a) a fiber composite section having an axial direction;
- (b) a connecting section for connecting the composite material article to another article; and
- (c) a transitional section located in the axial direction between the fiber composite section and the connecting section;

wherein the fiber composite section (a) comprises a plurality of fiber layers each comprising a polymer matrix and fibers embedded in said polymer matrix;

wherein the connecting section (b) comprises a plurality of layers including at least some layers comprised of a reinforcement material and at least some layers comprised of some of the fiber layers which extend from the fiber composite section and pass through the transitional section into the connecting section; and

wherein the transitional section (c) comprises a structure in which, between the fiber layers which pass through the transitional section, at least some of said layers in the connecting section which comprise the reinforcement material extend into the transitional section and terminate at first termination points within the transitional section, at least some of said fiber layers in the fiber composite section do not pass through the transitional section but rather extend into the transitional section and terminate at second termination points within the transitional section, and said layers that extend into the transitional section abut against each other at abutment points located at said first and second termination points.